



Steph's Quick Budget Fact Sheet

Serbia - Nis

Quick Facts

- ✓ **Capital:** Belgrade
- ✓ **Language:** Serbian - Cyrillic/Latin script
- ✓ **Population:** ± 186,000
- ✓ **Sq km:** ± 597
- ✓ **Currency:** Dinar (RSD - ДИН)
- ✓ **Country code:** +381 (18)
- ✓ **Visa:** For some nationalities, [info here!](#)
- ✓ **Emergency phone:** 192 (police), 193 (fire), 194 (ambulance)
- ✓ **Vaccinations:** Hep-A, Hep-B



History Recap Over 1 Drink

15-18th century: Ottoman Empire. 1817: Autonomous principality. '78: Independence. 1918: Kingdom of Serbs-Croats-Slovenes after WWI → '29: Kingdom of Yugoslavia. '45: Added Macedonia-Bosnia-Montenegro: Social Federal Republic of Yugoslavia under Tito. '89: Milosevic pres Serbia (*pro-Serbian nationalism with regards to Albanians in Kosovo*). '91: Slovenia-Macedonia-Croatia-Bosnia out Yugoslavia. Rise nationalism & independence aspirations: bloody conflict Croats & Bosnian Muslims. UN sanctions Yugoslavia. '95: Srebrenica massacre Muslims by Bosnian Serb forces. End Bosnian war. '97: Milosevic pres Yugoslavia. '98: Kosovo Liberation Army rebels → brutal crackdown. Serbs force Albanians 'back' to Albania. '99: NATO air strikes against Serbia. Kosovo UN protectorate. 2000: Kostunica pres, Milosevic fraud → charged for war crimes and genocide (*dies in cell*). Yugoslavia joins UN. '01: Rugova pres Kosovo. '03: PM Djindjic assassinated. Union Serbia – Montenegro. '04: Violence Mitrovica (*Kosovo-Serbia*). '04: Tadic pres. '06: Sejdiu pres Kosovo. '06: Montenegro separates. New constitution: Kosovo integral part of Serbia. War. '08: Kosovo declares independence → declared illegal by Serbia. EU takes over policing Kosovo from UN. EU-application. '10 Tadic at Srebrenica & Vukovar & apology. '12: Nikolic pres. '17: Brnabic 1st female gay PM.

Travel Seasons

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Spring												
Summer												
Autumn												
Winter												
Budget												

Altitude: 195m. Climate: Oceanic climate (Cfb).

Bucket List For Free

☺ **Sights:** Nis Fortress, Bujanj Memorial Park (*holocaust*), Liberator Monument, City Hall, Christogram Monument, King Milan Square, Cathedral, Bali-Begova Mosque, Nishava, Medijana.

☺ **Nature:** St. Sava Park, Cerje Cave, [Stara Planina](#), Niška Banja, Sokabanja.

Worth The Extra \$€¥

👍 **Museums & sights:** Red Cross Nazi Concentration Camp, Skull Tower, [Archaeological Hall](#).

👍 **Wine:** [Vinski Podrum Malca](#).

Festivals

⚙ Nisville: Jazz; Aug.

⚙ Nis Acting Festival: Film; Aug.

⚙ Nisomnia: Music; Sep.

The Earth Becomes My Throne

Budget Bites

- ⌘ **Big supermarkets:** Mega, Idea, Maxi.
- ⌘ **Markets:** In between fortress and bus station.
- ⌘ **Local food:** Cevapi (*grilled minced meat*), Karadordeva Snicla (*schnitzel*), Sarma (*cabbage rolls*), Kackaval (*cheese*), Pirot Lamb, Peglana Kobasica (*sausage*), Pljeskavica (*hamburger*), Cvarci (*pork rinds*), Sopska Salata (*salad with cheese*), Riblja Corba (*fish soup*), Duvec (*stew*), Pecenje (*roast meat*), Punjene Paprike (*stuffed paprikas*), Gibanica (*cheese pie*), Burek (*Serbian börek*), Palacinke (*sort of pancake*), Skembice (*tripe stew*), Rakija (*alcoholic drink*).
- ⌘ **Go vegan:** Being vegan is ridiculously easy in Europe, but slightly challenging in Serbia. Local 'accidentally vegan' dishes: Prebranac (*baked beans*), Ajvar (*red peppers – garlic spread*), Becar Paprikas (*stew*), Dzuvec (*stew*), Posna Sarma (*filled cabbage rolls*), Srpska Salata (*salad*), Posni Burek (*vegan börek*), Corba od Pecuraka (*mushroom soup*). Check vegan-friendly restaurants here: [Happy Cow – Nis](#).

Mama Said

- ☠ Europe in general, and also Nis, is rather safe... but use your common sense like everywhere.
- ☠ Boycott zoos or aquariums like Planet Zoo, where animals are held in captivity.
- ☠ Tap water is drinkable.
- ☠ Take Serbian Dinar into the country if possible, as also the ATM-exchange rates are really bad.

Next?

- ➔ **In Serbia:** Pirot, Kopanik, Zaječar, Belgrade.
- ➔ **International destinations close by:** Kosovo, Bulgaria, Macedonia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Romania, Hungary, Croatia, Albania.

Sleep Cheap

- ❖ Hostels and alternative accommodation are very affordable in Serbia. Book hostels with \$15 discount via this [Booking.com link](#)! Check tourist taxes before paying.
- ❖ Go [Couchsurfing](#) or Housesitting ([20% discount for Trusted Housesitters via this link](#)!) Also check [WorkAway](#) or [HelpX](#) for work-exchanges.

Nights Best Spent

- ◆ **Nightlife areas:** Kopitareva Street (Tinkers Alley), downtown.
- ◆ **Theatres:** National Theatre.

Free-Riding?

- Walking is an excellent option to see the more subtle details of downtown Nis.
- Nis is connected by a bus system. Money for the tickets will be collected in the bus by a vendor. Weekly or monthly tickets can be bought in small ticket shops near some bus stops. Signs on the front of the bus state directions, the Moovit app is helpful for navigation. The main bus terminal is located at Bulevar 12. februara, in between the fort and concentration camp.
- Trains twice as slow but twice as scenic. Nis' train station is located at Dimitrija Tucovića bb.
- Airport: Constantine the Great Airport (INI); Belgrade Nikola Tesla Airport (BEG).
- Hitchhiking is relatively safe and quite common. You can also use apps like [Blablacar](#) for a cheap ride.